

HOUSE BILL 1824

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 6; Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 7 and Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 8, relative to vocational rehabilitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-602, is amended by deleting subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entireties and substituting the following:

(1) "Director" means director of the vocational rehabilitation program;

(2) "Division" means the division of rehabilitation services; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-603(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting the following:

(1) The division of rehabilitation services and the office of director of the vocational rehabilitation program, the incumbent of which is called the director in this section, are established.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-702, is amended by deleting subdivisions (4) and (5) in their entireties and substituting the following:

(4) "Director" means director of the vocational rehabilitation program;

(5) "Division" means the division of rehabilitation services; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-703(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following:

(a) The commissioner is authorized to establish a system of rehabilitation training centers for persons with disabilities.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-704(a)(1)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting the following:

(D) The division of rehabilitation services of the department of human services;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-704(c)(1), is amended by deleting the words "director of the division" and substituting the words "director of the vocational rehabilitation program".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-707, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

The division of rehabilitation services is authorized, with the approval of the commissioner and in accordance with all federal vocational rehabilitation program requirements, to contract with any public or private entity to provide services to vocational rehabilitation program clients who receive training and other approved services at a rehabilitation center. The division of rehabilitation services shall comply with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) in the award and administration, pursuant to this section, of any contracts for services to clients of the division.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-801, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

The division of rehabilitation services is authorized to establish and operate a statewide comprehensive rehabilitation and training center at Smyrna.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.